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Iowa Homeland Security and  
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Re: Flood Mitigation Board  
Request for Unused Funds

Dear Terry:

This is in your response to the email request of October 8 concerning Projects which have been partially funded. This also follows my correspondence to you of August 17 in this regard. As set forth in that correspondence, I represent three Districts that are underfunded and have shortfalls, as follows:

Plattville Drainage District	\$255,954.02 underfunded
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Missouri River Levee District (Bartlett Segment)	\$177,606.79 underfunded
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M&P Missouri River Levee District	\$769,988.66 underfunded
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As concerns M&P, when Jim Olmsted (Engineer) and I appeared in front of the Flood Mitigation Board in February, we had initially requested \$2,777,502.00, but were awarded only \$1,709,474.00. The volume estimate for debris removal and for repair of the levee district was fairly accurate. This is not a cost overrun, rather it was simply underfunded at the commencement of the Project. Likewise, Plattville Drainage District requested \$971,985 (to include a pumping station), but was awarded \$465,500.

Regarding both Plattville Drainage District and Missouri River Levee District (Bartlett Segment), I do want to emphasize that when the applications were made to the Flood Mitigation Board in February, the engineers could only estimate the costs which would be incurred to repair the existing systems to pre-flood soundness. At that time, it was still very difficult, if not impossible, to assess all

the debris and the damage caused by the 2019 Flood Event, as the waters had not substantially receded. The contracts awarded for debris removal were based on actual volume units, per FEMA regulations. Conversely, the same holds true for the three Districts in which we had cost underruns (New St. Mary's Drainage District, Miller Sturgeon Levee District, and Watkins Drainage District) and which will result in the reallocation of \$873,271.00 to the Flood Mitigation Board. I would kindly ask the Flood Mitigation Board to reallocate those funds to the three identified Districts referenced above in which we are experiencing shortfalls. The work has been completed, and we are just looking for a way to pay the contractors.

I thank the Flood Mitigation Board for its consideration.

Very respectfully,

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